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**Following JCARR Discussion, Dietitians, ODA To Continue Talks On Senior Food Programs**

Dietitians argued Monday that current and pending administrative rules could impair nutrient adequacy and lack adequate food safety guidelines for senior citizens.

Representatives of the Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics told the Joint Committee on Agency Rule and Review their concerns have not been completely addressed by rule changes put forth by the Department of Aging. (Agenda)

At the same time, they thanked the department for taking their feedback into account, even if all their proposed changes were not adopted during the rulemaking process.

"We're not going to let this go," OAND State Policy Representative Pat McKnight said. "We'll meet with the department and go over these (issues) but we just wanted to make you all aware this issue is not solved."

In the end, JCARR members did not act on the rule, which allows it to proceed toward implementation.

Following a "productive" meeting with the department last week, interested parties are next scheduled to meet in six months to continue the discussion, Ms. McKnight said. But at the urging of Rep. Cheryl Grossman (R-Grove City), ODA Policy Development Manager Tom Simmons said the department would be agreeable to moving that meeting up to take place within two months.

The testimony came in response to a rule package including 19 proposed rules and 18 other rules to be rescinded pertaining to nutrition programs under the Older Americans Act. The rules would pertain to AAA providers, which include local area aging agencies.

Specifically, the groups are concerned with Rule 173-4-5 and Rule 173-4-5.2, which establish general requirements for nutrition projects and home-delivered meal projects respectively.

Part of the concern centers on the one-third federal dietary reference intake for meals, which requires a minimum of one-third of one's meals provided through OAA funding meet nutritional requirements. Ms. McKnight said the new rule along with existing federal law does not provide enough information to ensure the one-third requirement is met. She said it also prohibits the use of leader nutrients, which dietitians had formerly used as a workaround to meet those requirements.

"It's not that the dietitian wouldn't want to do it," she said of compliance. "There is no way he or she could do it because the data's simply not available."

Ms. McKnight also contended that the new rules include no standards for non-therapeutic menus - healthy diets not tailored to a specific patient. More providers, she said, are using such menus to cut down on their clients' intake of carbs or sodium. And she questioned the department's claim that it has no ability to develop or enforce food safety standards for such providers.

Mr. Simmons said the department lacks jurisdiction in modifying the federal OAA. But he said the department is committed to having an ongoing dialogue with stakeholders.

"The number one goal of our entire project is to remove the overbearing regulation within these rules and with that make it easier to do business," Mr. Simmons said.

OAND State Regulatory Specialist Kay Mavko said the group plans to continue to engage the department and lawmakers on these issues.

"We are committed to working on this," Ms. Mavko said. "We don't want to let it go. We realize the department is limited in what it has the authority to do and what the rulemaking process allows it to do, but we still have some concerns."

#### **State Still Seeking Lethal Drugs With Next Execution Set For January; Lawmakers Look To Alternatives**

Ohio's next scheduled execution is now less than six months away, yet the state hasn't been able to obtain at least one drug typically used in the lethal injection process since 2013.

The state is still trying to acquire drugs used to carry out executions, according to JoEllen Smith, a spokeswoman for the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections.

"DRC continues to seek all legal means to obtain the drugs necessary to carry out court ordered executions," she said. "This process has included multiple options."

Without the drugs necessary, the state could be forced to again delay the execution of Ronald Phillips, who was convicted of the 1993 murder of a 3-year-old girl. He is one of 26 people scheduled to be executed by the state in the coming years.

Mr. Phillips has had several execution dates, the most recent of which was Jan. 21, 2016. He had a 2014 execution date that was delayed after the botched execution of Dennis McGuire, who gasped for air at times over a 25-minute process carried out for the first time in Ohio with a two-drug cocktail.

That concoction - a mixture of midazolam, a sedative, and hydromorphone, a narcotic painkiller - was used for the first time because in the fall of 2013 European

pharmaceutical companies blocked the sale of pentobarbital, which was previously used in the lethal injection process.

In the wake of Mr. McGuire's execution - which the state said caused no pain - a federal judge in May 2014 issued a moratorium on the death penalty in Ohio, which was later extended until Jan 15, 2015.

Shortly before the moratorium expired, the state announced that it would abandon the use of the two-drug mixture and instead use thiopental sodium, which was utilized in executions from 1999 to 2011.

However, in October, the state announced that it was again delaying all executions, with 2017 as the earliest date. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 20, 2015)

Gov. John Kasich also signed legislation (HB663, 130<sup>th</sup> General Assembly) in December 2014 to shield the identities of execution-drug makers.

Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) laid blame for the state's inability to secure the drugs necessary to carry out an execution at the feet of the administration of President Barack Obama.

"The Obama administration chooses not to enforce marijuana laws, which then lead to states legalizing medical marijuana," he said. "Strangely enough they go beyond what they are authorized to do relative to execution drugs."

Nonetheless, he expressed hope that once a new administration takes office on Jan. 20, it will make it easier to secure drugs necessary to carry out executions.

Current state law allows for executions to be carried out only through lethal injection. However, one panel led by Sen. Coley is exploring alternate forms of execution.

The Joint Legislative Study Committee on Victims' Rights in March heard testimony from Matt Kanai, general counsel for the law enforcement division in the attorney general's office, on ways other states are dealing with the lack of lethal injection drugs. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 10, 2016)

Sen. Coley said he is intrigued by nitrogen hypoxia as a form of execution, which Oklahoma has recently added as an option to carry out the death penalty.

He said the death would be similar to that caused by a decompressed plane cabin and added he believes it would not be deemed cruel or unusual by the courts. However, he said he would prefer to let the issue work its way through the justice system, which could take two to four years, before moving forward with it as a form of execution in Ohio.

The abolishment of the death penalty, though, is not on the table for Sen. Coley.

"The one great thing about the death penalty is there is zero recidivism," he said. "There are truly evil people in this world and it's our duty to eradicate them from the face of the planet. The death penalty has been an effective tool to that end."

However, Abe Bonowitz, communications director of Ohioans to Stop Executions, said the state should follow the lead of others and abolish the death penalty.

"We have a system that is blatantly unfair and has all kinds of issues with it," he said.

"The trends with the death penalty are away from it across the country and in Ohio fewer counties are using it," he added.

As for Mr. Phillips' scheduled execution, Sen. Coley said he's been led to believe that it can still be carried out.

"From everything that I've heard from the director, right now they believe it can be," he said. "They still have time."

### **Trump, Clinton At Odds During Columbus Campaign Stops**

Donald Trump began his Columbus appearance Monday by blasting a local fire marshal for turning away "thousands" of his supporters for political reasons.

Before taking the stage at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Mr. Trump made a brief surprise appearance to media gathered outside the room, according to various reports.

There he claimed there were thousands of people outside until they were turned away "for political reasons" by the fire marshal. Several media reports placed the number closer to hundreds.

"So we have a thousand people in there," Mr. Trump said, according to video. "The fire marshal said he's not allowed to allow any more, even though the building holds many thousands of people, so I just want to tell you that."

The perceived slight was the first thing Mr. Trump mentioned upon taking the mic. From there, he segued into terrorism, the border, trade, and his desire to see a ballroom constructed at the White House.

His appearance came one day after Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and her VP pick Sen. Tim Kaine appeared in Columbus, where Ms. Clinton labeled Mr. Trump "a serious threat to our democracy."

With the event billed as a town hall, Mr. Trump fielded three questions on topics including healthcare, regulation on small businesses, and the heroin epidemic.

He pinned Ohio's job loss on President Bill Clinton, saying that the state lost one in three manufacturing jobs since the signing of NAFTA, and accused Ms. Clinton of being beholden to large donors.

"We are going to turn this state into a manufacturing behemoth," he said. "We are going to bring your jobs back, we're going to bring your companies back."

Between his usual attacks on illegal immigrants and the media, he said he's raised \$35.8 million in the last month from more than 500,000 donors and added that if he'd had two more days to campaign for the primary he - and not Gov. John Kasich - would have won the Buckeye State, which he lost by 11 points. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 15, 2016)

Mr. Trump did not mention his criticism of a Muslim couple - Khizr and Ghazala Khan - which GOP leaders have rebuked in recent days. Ohio veterans, in a Monday morning conference call organized by the Clinton campaign, called upon Mr. Trump to apologize for those attacks.

The Khans criticized the businessman during a speech at the Democratic National Convention, while describing the death of their son, a U.S. Army captain killed in Iraq. Mr. Trump spent days afterward blasting the couple. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, July 29, 2016)

As attacks continue to volley between Mr. Trump and the Khans, Republican leaders - including House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell - sought to distance themselves from Mr. Trump's remarks. GOP VP candidate Mike Pence, meanwhile, issued a statement saying he and Mr. Trump believe the Khans and their son "should be cherished by every American."

"Donald Trump does not understand the experience of our military families or our veterans," said former Democratic lawmaker and Air Force veteran Connie Pillich. "He tries to portray himself as strong and brash, but there is nothing strong or powerful about insulting the family of a fallen soldier."

Air Force Reserve member Rep. John Boccieri (D-Alliance) said "words do matter... and Donald Trump just doesn't get it."

"It's very clear from his remarks about John McCain and now Capt. Khan that he doesn't understand the type of sacrifices the men and women in uniform make for our country," he said. "The suffering and pain and struggle that these families go through on a daily basis are just unspeakable and to make light of it, to now attack this family I think is very indicative of the type of presidency he will run."

Republicans have also steered clear of the remarks, with Gov. John Kasich tweeting in his most recent disagreement with Mr. Trump: "There's only one way to talk about Gold Star parents: With honor and respect. Capt. Khan is a hero. Together we should pray for his family."

Ms. Clinton has likewise criticized the businessman for those attacks. During her Columbus appearance, she told the crowd "it's going to be up to all of us to repudiate" such attacks.

Ms. Clinton's latest Columbus appearance marked the culmination of her three-day "Stronger Together" bus tour of Pennsylvania and Ohio. There Ms. Clinton questioned Mr. Trump's business acumen and outlined her plan to invest in jobs during her first 100 days in office.

She pushed for more support for small businesses and asked rhetorically what would have happened if her father, who made draperies, had fulfilled his contractual obligations only for someone like Mr. Trump to refuse to pay for the product.

"To person after person and business after business, Donald Trump said, 'I don't care,'" Ms. Clinton said. "It's not because he couldn't pay them. He wouldn't pay them. He drove businesses into bankruptcy in addition to taking bankruptcy himself six times. My friends, that's not how we do business in America.

"He makes dress shirts in China, not Brooklyn, New York," she continued. "He makes furniture in Turkey, not Cleveland, Ohio. He makes barware in Slovenia, not Jackson, Ohio. And he goes around saying he wants to put America first and American workers first."

The campaign continues seizing upon news from recent days that Mr. Trump recently applied for dozens of H-2B visas to fill staff positions at his Palm Beach Mar-a-Lago resort and his Jupiter, Fla., golf club with foreign workers.

"Shame on you, Donald Trump," Ms. Clinton said. "Let's cut through all the hype and rhetoric and understand that we're dealing with somebody who has a history of stiffing people, making things somewhere else besides America, and whenever possible, hiring foreign workers."

**Bump:** Ms. Clinton appears to have received a polling boost following the Democratic National Convention last week. A CBS News July 29-31 poll showed her leading Mr. Trump nationally 47-41%.

The pair were virtually tied in the same poll last week following the Republican National Convention. When including Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson, Ms. Clinton leads Mr. Trump 43-38%, followed by Mr. Johnson at 10%.

Mr. Trump had previously seen a post-RNC bump in some polls conducted last week. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, July 26, 2016)

**Endorsement:** The Ohio Right to Life PAC on Monday announced its endorsement of Mr. Trump and a handful of candidates for other offices.



"Our mission is to protect the sanctity of human life, and right now there is no ticket more threatening to that mission than that of Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine," ORTL President Mike Gonidakis said. "Many times over, Mr. Trump has committed himself to appointing pro-life Supreme Court Justices, signing the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, and protecting religious liberty."

Mr. Trump has faced questioned on his views on abortion. In 1999, he said he was "very pro-choice," although he said his opinion has since "evolved." Currently anti-abortion, he caught flack earlier this year, even from anti-abortion groups, for suggesting in an MSNBC interview "there has to be some form of punishment" for women who obtain an abortion. He later walked back that comment.

### **GOP Lawmakers Tout Model Suicide Prevention Legislation, Contemplate Charter School Industry Structures At ALEC Event**

Legislation providing suicide prevention tools to colleges and universities that originated in the Ohio House is on course to be copied by other states.

Rep. Marlene Anielski (R-Walton Hills) last week attended the American Legislative Exchange Council's annual meeting to promote her resolution that the organization has approved as model legislation.

The controversial annual ALEC meeting typically draws conservative lawmakers to draft and consider bills that are oftentimes backed by the private sector.

Ohio lawmakers who attended the event include Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina), Rep. Andy Brenner (R-Powell), Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.), Rep. Wes Retherford (R-Hamilton), Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina), Rep. Ron Hood (R-Ashville), Sen. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati), Rep. Tom Brinkman (R-Cincinnati) and Rep. Lou Terhar (R-Cincinnati).

While some question the group's motives for including businesses in the bill-writing process, Rep. Anielski said the three-day meeting allows her to collaborate with lawmakers across the country to view issues differently.

ALEC was also beneficial in helping her promote legislation (HB 28) that was enacted last summer in Ohio, she said. It provides colleges and universities with free access to suicide prevention programs as well as related materials and tools that were already available to K-12 schools.

"I wanted to make sure that the resources were out there because there are some universities that have already met all the requirements because they're already doing this, but I wanted to bring up the people that needed help and I didn't want them to start from scratch so now they have options," Rep. Anielski said in an interview.

The bill also required institutions to take part in a five-part program that includes crisis intervention access, mental health program access, multimedia applications, a student communication plan and more.

The ALEC-approved version of the legislation is a resolution urging colleges to take part in the programs rather than requiring it, Rep. Anielski said.

"Basically it's almost like a committee process and you have to go and sell it and market it and basically convince your colleagues from around the nation that this is a good idea," she said of ALEC. "I presented it first as a bill in December and they asked me to come back and present it as a resolution because they didn't want schools to be mandated to do that."

West Virginia has already enacted legislation that mirrors Ohio's bill, while four other states have used portions of it, Rep. Anielski said. She's hoping those numbers go up now that the concept has ALEC backing.

She was joined in education-related sessions by Rep. Brenner, who said he spent a portion of the annual meeting involved in brainstorming on charter schools.

The discussions, which included presentations from school choice and charter school leaders from across the country, allowed participants to begin building a framework for those states that need to improve their sectors or are looking to establish one, he said in an interview.

Holding dropout recovery and prevention schools accountable in ways other than test scores that address the makeup of those schools was also a topic of conversation.

"Basically, the biggest thing I don't think (people) get about ALEC is it's not an evil thing. It just like a big interested party meeting," Rep. Brenner said of his experience, referring to criticism of the group.

"We're just discussing basic public policy and what would be good model legislation written basically by legislators and we're dealing with the same organizations back in our Statehouse," he added.

Center for Media and Democracy, the group behind a website called ALEC Exposed, doesn't buy that, though. It argues on its website that the ALEC meetings are where "global corporations and state politicians vote behind closed doors to try to rewrite state laws that govern your rights."

Rep. Brenner said he'd like to see the event televised to provide transparency and educate people about the issues lawmakers - whose meeting expenses are covered by the party - are addressing.

Held in Indianapolis, the event agenda included breakout sessions as well as a speakers list that featured Trump running mate Gov. Mike Pence.

## **Husted Urging Changes In Special Election Laws**

Absentee voting has started in a special Democratic primary for the Eighth Congressional District, although Secretary of State Jon Husted is pushing lawmakers to change the law that is requiring the election to take place.

The special primary is designed to name a Democratic candidate to replace Corey Foister on the ballot in November. Mr. Foister withdrew 107 days before the November election and will be replaced on the ballot by Steve Fought.

State law requires a special election to be held if a congressional candidate withdraws from the race with more than 90 days to go before the general election, according to Mr. Husted's office. After the 90<sup>th</sup> day before the election, there's a window allowed by state law in which the party could appoint a candidate without a special election.

In a statement, Secretary Husted said he will urge the General Assembly to make changes to Ohio law to avoid having conduct a special primary election in which only one candidate is running in the future.

"It is a waste of time and tax dollars to hold a special election when only one candidate is running," Secretary Husted said. "I hope the legislature will change the law to avoid this problem in the future."

Absentee voting in the special primary for overseas and military voters started Saturday, according to the Secretary of State's office.

Mr. Fought, a former press secretary for U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Toledo), lives in Toledo but plans to move to Butler County to run for the seat, according to a report from the *Toledo Blade*.

Mr. Fought will face U.S. Rep. Warren Davidson (R-Troy), who won the seat formerly held by House Speaker John Boehner in a special election in June (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 8, 2016). Green Party candidate James J. Condit Jr. is also running for the seat.

## **LPO Plans Appeal After Latest Setback In Ballot Access Case**

The Libertarian Party of Ohio said Monday it will appeal a federal appeals court's rejection of the group's claims it was unfairly kept off the state ballot in the 2014 election.

The U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday affirmed the May decision by a district court in favor of Secretary of State Jon Husted.

In its appeal to the Sixth Circuit, the LPO claimed state actors selectively enforced the law against Libertarian Party candidates and that state law violated the equal protection

clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment by requiring new minor parties to nominate candidates by petition, rather than primary elections.

Circuit Judge Karen Nelson Moore wrote in the decision that the LPO failed to demonstrate the Secretary of State's Office worked with the Ohio Republican Party in a conspiracy to keep the Libertarians off the ballot in 2014. Judge Moore said the district court was correct in granting summary judgment on the selective enforcement claim.

As to the claim of equal rights violations, the court ruled the state's interest in requiring new minor parties to demonstrate a base of support outweighed the burden placed on the LPO by having to nominate candidates by petition, instead of by primary election.

Mark Brown, the LPO's lead attorney, said in a statement that the party will appeal the decision, saying voters should have the ability to vote for their presidential ticket of former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson and former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld.

"We are immediately appealing the Sixth Circuit's decision to the United States Supreme Court," he said. "The Constitution and the voting rights of Ohioans are too important not to. The Johnson/Weld ticket offers a critical choice in this election cycle, and as things stand Ohio Republicans have been allowed to cancel that choice. The Supreme Court may change all that."

Joshua Eck, a spokesman for Secretary Husted, said the case has been clearly decided.

"The court of appeals, like every court before them have affirmed that this law is constitutional," he said in an email. "It's time to stop wasting the taxpayers' money with this frivolous lawsuit."

The lawsuit is the latest by the LPO over ballot access. In 2006, the party successfully challenged a state law that required parties that received less than 5% of the vote in the last gubernatorial or presidential election to file petitions 120 days before the primary election, or nearly a year before the general election, in order to appear on the ballot.

The party successfully challenged a similar law in 2011, this one requiring the petitions to be filed 90 days before the primary election.

"As we have promised Ohio voters, the LPO will work to overturn any and all unconstitutional restrictions that Republicans or Democrats use to block voters from having free, fair, and meaningful choices at the ballot box," Bob Bridges, the LPO's executive committee chair, said in a statement.

Mr. Bridges said the party is currently working to gather the 5,000 signatures required to place Govs. Johnson and Weld on the ballot in November as independents. The deadline for that petition is Aug. 10.

**Ethics Commission: Former Columbus Council Members Should Pay For Attendance At 2014 Game**

The Ohio Ethics Commission has reached agreements with three former Columbus City Council members, including current Mayor Andrew Ginther, for them to pay more than \$400 each after accepting tickets to the 2014 Big Ten Championship football game from a vendor.

The letters from the OEC released Monday call for Mr. Ginther, Council Member Shannon Hardin and now-Franklin County Municipal Judge Eileen Paley to pay \$446.53 to the City of Columbus to benefit new city ethics policies and protocols.

All three were members of the city council in 2014 when Centerplate, a vendor of the Franklin County Convention Facility Authority, paid for them to attend the game in Indianapolis.

The city appoints members to the authority and appropriates more than \$7 million per year to fulfill bond requirements from the FCCFA, meaning the city could be required to fund authority deficits, according to the letter.

The OEC also sent a letter to Donald Leach Jr., an attorney representing the FCCFA, calling for him to pay \$893.06 for the cost of attendance for him and his wife.

Mr. Hardin also agreed to pay \$893.06, also covering the cost of a guest who attended.

The amounts to be paid are the difference between what the officials paid and what the OEC determined the actual cost to Centerplate was for the event and transportation.

The OEC letters said there was no finding in the review that ethics law or other statutes were violated, so the matters were closed and no further action will be taken.

**Education Notes: ODE Seeking Career-Focused Education Grant; Chancellor Carey Plans UA Visit; OSU Police Department Recognized**

The Ohio Department of Education is soliciting public input as it pursues a grant aimed at improving career-focused education.

Before submitting its application for the three-year grant, ODE said it would like to gather survey responses from educators, parents, students, businesses and community organizations to determine the access to career prep resources in schools now.

"The department will use the information from the survey to create the grant proposal on how Ohio will increase pathways for students to get the training and skills they need to compete for jobs," according to an ODE release.

The New Skills for Youth grant is sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers, the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium and JP Morgan Chase.

**Chancellor Visit:** Chancellor John Carey will head to the University of Akron Tuesday to lead a roundtable discussion on higher education and business partnerships.

ODHE announced that from 10:30-noon he'll be joined by UA's Interim President Matthew J. Wilson as well as business partners and a number of representatives from northeast Ohio colleges and universities that are part of a Regionally Aligned Priorities in Delivering Skills grant process.

Mr. Carey is expected to explain the funding that will be provided to the region as part of a RAPIDS grant and how that money can be used to benefit businesses and higher education.

**Campus Police:** Ohio State University's Police Division has received its first reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, the institution announced.

The campus police department is one of about 70 universities agencies that meet the commission's 188 standards, according to an OSU release. It was first accredited by CALEA in 2013.

"The Ohio State University Police Division has a uniquely tailored approach focusing on both safety and education," OSUPD Chief Craig Stone said in a statement. "CALEA accreditation exemplifies our commitment to the safety of our campus community and shows we hold our officers to the highest standards in law enforcement."

### **Gongwer Statehouse Job Market Updated**

Gongwer's Statehouse Job Market has been updated. The update is available on the Gongwer website.

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### **Supplemental Agency Calendar**

**Wednesday, August 3**

Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board, Ohio Department of Public Safety Atrium, 1970 W. Broad St., 1st floor, Columbus, 10 a.m.

### **Supplemental Event Planner**

**Sunday, August 7**

Lisa Schacht (R-Candidate 20th House District) fundraiser, Schacht Family Farm, 5950 Shannon Road, Canal Winchester, 6 p.m., (Special Guests Secretary of State Jon Husted and Ohio Senator Kevin Bacon. Host: \$300; Host Committee: \$200; Supporter: \$100; Attendee: \$25/person to Citizens for Lisa Schacht)

## **Thursday, August 11**

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Ohio Charter School Summit, Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 North High Street, Columbus, 9 a.m.

## **Friday, August 12**

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Ohio Charter School Summit, Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 North High Street, Columbus, 8:30 a.m.

Rep. Dorothy Pelanda (R-Marysville) Golf Outing fundraiser, Darby Creek Golf Course, 19300 Orchard Road, Marysville, 11:30 a.m., (11:30am Registration and Lunch; 12:30pm Shotgun Start; 5:00pm Reception with Special Guest Attorney General Mike DeWine. Lunch/Golf/Reception: \$80/person; Reception Only: \$40/person; Hole Sponsor: \$100 to Pelanda for State Representative)

## **Tuesday, August 16**

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Wes Goodman (R-Candidate 87th House District) fundraiser, Cedar Creek Barn, 7723 State Route 42, Mansfield, 5:30 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$200; Couple: \$50; Individual: \$25 to Friends of Wes Goodman)

## **Tuesday, August 23**

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~~Canceled: Rep. Terry Johnson (R-McDermott) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$2,500; Sponsor: \$1,000; Patron: \$500; Guest: \$350 to Terry Johnson for State Rep)~~

## **Wednesday, August 24**

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Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) & Rep. Stephanie Kunze (R-Candidate 16th Senate District) golf outing fundraiser, Country Club at Muirfield Village, 8715 Muirfield Drive, Dublin, 8:30 a.m., (\$1,000 Total Contribution. Golfers pay for their own golf. Please make separate checks for \$500 each payable to Troy Balderson for State Senator & Citizens for Stephanie Kunze)

## **Tuesday, September 6**

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Matt Huffman (R-Candidate 12th Senate District) golf outing fundraiser, Hidden Creek Golf Club, 6245 Sugar Creek Rd., Lima, 9 a.m., (Registration 9:00-10:00am, Shotgun Start 10:00am \$1,000 Event Sponsor | \$200 Tee Sponsor | \$100 per Golfer to Matt Huffman for Ohio)

Rep. Gary Scherer (R-Circleville) golf outing fundraiser, Pinnacle Golf Club, 1500 Pinnacle Club Drive, Grove City, 11 a.m., (11:00am Shotgun and Lunch; 12:00pm Shotgun Start. Event Sponsor: \$1,500; Food/Beverage Sponsor: \$750; Foursome: \$400; Hole Sponsor: \$200; Individual Golfer: \$125 to Friends of Gary Scherer)

Rep. Ron Young (R-Leroy Township) Winery Reception fundraiser, Debonne Vineyards, 7840 Doty Road, Madison, 5:30 p.m., (with Special Guest Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor. Chair: \$2,500; Host: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500 to Friends of Ron Young)

## **Wednesday, September 7**

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Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) & Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) golf outing fundraiser, County Club at Muirfield Village, 8715 Muirfield Drive, Dublin, 8:30 a.m., (\$1,000 Total Contribution. Golfers

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**Tuesday, September 13**

Rep. Steve Hambley (R-Brunswick) and Rep. Doug Green (R-Mt. Orab) fundraiser, Ringside, 19 N. Pearl Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Hambley for House Committee and/or Committee to Elect Doug Green)

**Wednesday, September 14**

Rep. Jim Butler (R-Oakwood) and Rep. Margy Conditt (R-Liberty Township) fundraiser, Oliver's, 26 N. High Street, Columbus, 12 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Butler for Ohio and/or Friends of Margy Conditt)

**Monday, September 19**

Rep. Steve Huffman (R-Tipp City) golf outing fundraiser, Homestead Golf Course, 5327 Worley Road, Tipp City, 8:30 a.m., (8:30am Registration and Light Breakfast; 9:30am Remarks from Congressman Warren Davidson; 10:00am Shotgun Start. Event Sponsor: \$2,000; Food and Beverage Sponsor: \$1,000; Tee Sponsor: \$500; Individual Golfer: \$250 PAC/\$150 Individual to Steve Huffman for State Rep)

**Tuesday, September 20**

Rep. Derek Merrin (R-Waterville) fundraiser, OHROC Offices, 21 W. Broad Street, Floor 7, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Derek Merrin)

**Wednesday, September 21**

Craig Riedel (R-Candidate 82nd House District) fundraiser, Oliver's, 26 N. High Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$200 to Citizens to Elect Craig Riedel)

**Friday, September 30**

Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) fly fishing fundraiser, Spring Run Farms, 9206 Haddix Road, Fairborn, 11 a.m., (11:00am-4:00pm Fishing, 4:00-6:00pm Reception; \$1,000 Pike Sponsor | \$500 Salmon Sponsor | \$350 Trout Sponsor | \$175 Bluegill Sponsor | \$100 per couple/family | \$75 per Individual to Citizens for Bill Beagle)

**Tuesday, October 18**

OHROC Fundraising Reception, Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad Street, Gold Room, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$5,000; Sponsor: \$2,500; Host: \$1,000; Guest: \$500 OHROC)

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## House Activity for Monday, August 1, 2016

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#### **HB 587**

**DASHBOARD CAMERAS (Boyce, K.)** To require law enforcement officers to use dashboard cameras and body cameras during any time that they are interacting with any member of the public while in the performance of their duties, to provide for state financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies for the purchase of such cameras and related equipment, and to make an appropriation. Am. 109.73, 109.742, 109.77, 109.79, and 109.80 and to enact sections 2901.51 and 2901.52

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## Senate Activity for Monday, August 1, 2016

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#### **SB 342**

**WEAPON POSSESSION (Thomas, C.)** To grant municipal corporations the authority to impose a ban or restriction on the open carry or concealed carry of any firearm in a publicly secured area established by the municipal corporation during an event of regional or national significance being held in the municipal corporation. Am. 9.68, 2923.122, and 2923.126 of the Revised Code and to amend Section 9 of Am. Sub. H.B. 12 of the 125th General Assembly

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## Daily Activity Planner for Tuesday, August 2

### Legislative Committees

Senate Agriculture (Committee Record), House Agriculture & Rural Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Hite, C., 466-8150, Chr. Hill, B., 644-6014), Donahey Nationwide Ag./Hort. Building, Ohio State Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.

- Testimony from Virgil Strickler, General Manager of the Ohio State Fair; Jack Fisher, Executive Vice President of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation; Dave Daniels, Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture; Jim Zehringer, Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; Craig Butler, Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; Dean Rustin Moore, DVM, PhD, The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Mary Buehler, Ohio Fair's Queen/FFA State President

House Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Amstutz, R., 466-1474), Rm. 119, 1:30 p.m.

House Session (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 2:30 p.m.

- Session to fill vacancies in the 3rd and 47th House Districts

### Agency Calendar

Construction Industry Licensing Board, OCILB Conf. Rm., 6606 Tussing Rd., Reynoldsburg, 10 a.m. (Electrical Section)

Board of Building Appeals, Training Rm. 1, 6606 Tussing Rd., Reynoldsburg, 12:30 p.m.

### Event Planner

Rep. Rick Perales (R-Beavercreek) fundraiser, 21 W. Broad Street, 7th Floor, Columbus, 12 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Citizens for Perales)

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Below please find a recent op-ed by Cleveland City Council President Kevin Kelley on \$15 minimum wage issue.



By [Guest Columnist/cleveland.com](http://GuestColumnist/cleveland.com)  
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On July 13, two committees of Cleveland City Council recommended rejecting a proposed ordinance that would raise the minimum wage *just* in the city of Cleveland to \$15 an hour.

Prior to this recommendation, council heard testimony from a diverse lineup of interested parties, including the Service Employees International, Local 1199 and other labor interests, clergy, economists, business owners and their employees.

The testimony led me and most of my colleagues to conclude that a Cleveland-only minimum wage increase would be devastating to the Cleveland economy, likely forcing small businesses to either close, lay off workers or leave the city.

The proposed Cleveland-only minimum wage ordinance was initiated through a petition campaign by Local 1199 of the Service Employees International Union based in Columbus. The union wants a \$15 minimum wage in Cleveland by January and has collected the required number of signatures from Cleveland residents to force City Council to draft legislation that would make \$15 an hour a local law.

In compliance with our city charter, council has introduced the legislation, held public hearings, reported our recommendation, and will take a final vote on whether to amend, adopt or reject the proposal.

If the SEIU campaign prevails, Cleveland alone would see an 85 percent increase over the current statewide minimum wage of \$8.10 in a matter of months. Cleveland would have the highest minimum wage in the state of Ohio and in the entire nation.

As president of council in this city, I cannot support this, not because I'm against raising the minimum wage – in fact I strongly support an increase – but it can't be just in the city of Cleveland.

Some businesses in our city have already publicly stated that if council approves the legislation, they will lay off workers, reduce benefits, or move to a nearby suburb.

The union needs to broaden its campaign to the entire state of Ohio or, ideally, the nation. As President Obama said in his state-of-the-union message, "America needs a raise."

Indeed, the working men and women of America do need a raise, but it can't be obtained by risking the financial stability of one city – a city still recovering from the last big recession.

All 17 members of council and our mayor are proud Democrats and friends of labor. We care deeply about poverty and wage inequality. Most of us have spent our professional lives trying to address these issues. We see families struggling every day. But it is unclear whether a Cleveland-only minimum wage increase would help or hurt the very people it purports to help.

Again, if small businesses are forced to move outside our city limits, their workers would not benefit from a Cleveland-only \$15-an-hour wage.

Further, it should be noted that there are tens of thousands of Cleveland residents who live in Cleveland but work outside of Cleveland. They would not benefit from the Cleveland-only \$15 minimum wage. If small businesses decide to accept the \$15, many have testified that they will have to reduce their workforce and/or cut benefits.

So how many working Cleveland residents would benefit? And how will a \$15 minimum affect the city's efforts to recover from the recession?

At this point, those questions cannot be answered because there is no hard data showing the effects of a single city raising its minimum wage so drastically in such a short time.

"We are in uncharted waters here," urban economics Professor Albert Sumell from Youngstown State University recently testified during a council committee hearing on the proposed legislation.

Proponents of the \$15 proposal argue that putting more money in the hands of low-wage workers stimulates the economy because they spend it rather than save it. That might be true. But the question is: How many Cleveland residents will actually get that raise and how many Cleveland jobs will be lost as a result?

This issue has come down to speculation and guess work, which is not a way to legislate financial policy. The complexity of such a sudden and drastic wage hike in just one city within an interconnected regional, national and international economy demands close scrutiny by Cleveland's lawmakers.

As council president, I am not convinced that this proposal is a panacea for correcting wage inequities without having dire consequences to our city's economy. For those who are truly concerned with wage inequality and see the minimum wage as a vehicle to address poverty, the only reasonable approaches are statewide or national increases in the minimum wage. I

would be happy to have those discussions. But Cleveland-only would put our city and our fragile recovery at a competitive disadvantage.

*Kevin Kelley is president of Cleveland City Council.*

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## **Troopers Reach Contract Agreement With State**

The state and Ohio State Troopers Association on Thursday announced details of a tentative three-year contract agreement supported by more than 90% of the union members who voted in recent days.

The 1,760-member union negotiated a 12.5% raise over three years in annual increments of 5%, 5% and 2.5%, OSTA President Jeremy Mendenhall said. Since the negotiations were delayed, the first year increase will be retroactive to the expiration date of the last contract, which was July 1, 2015.

The pact includes a one-time ratification payment of \$750 for members, according to the union and Department of Administrative Services.

OSTA received a higher increase than other union employees, which received 7.5% over three years "in exchange for concessions to the Health and Physical Fitness Program, management discretion in selection, and flexibility in the area of personal leave," the two sides reported in a joint news release.

The groups said language in the contract that enhances management rights and employee accountability, streamlines the disciplinary process and lengthens the retention period for discipline, is "consistent with the changes in the other collective bargaining agreements," according to the release.

Pending Controlling Board ratification, the contract will be effective on Sept. 29.

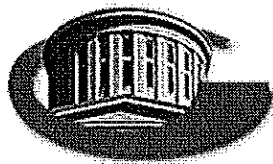
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## **Stakeholder Group Reconvenes To Recommend Sponsor Evaluation Updates**

A group of charter school sponsors who previously worked to update the process by which they are evaluated has reunited to offer new recommendations as the Ohio Department of Education heads back to the drawing board.

Sponsors have been raising concerns about a change in evaluation practices since they were introduced last year, but the time is ripe for them to step in and make their voices heard following the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review's shelving of a rule dealing with the compliance portion of the reviews.

St. Aloysius representative Dave Cash said he recently reconvened a stakeholder group that had been defunct for the past three years, hoping that JCARR's decision could provide an opportunity for members to provide feedback and offer suggestions on the evaluations.

JCARR leaders have since said they expect the ODE to present an updated rule and the Common Sense Initiative has asked the agency to collect additional public comments.

"We anticipated JCARR would send the rule back and get stakeholder feedback that they did not get the first time. Who better to try to provide some of that stakeholder input than the ones who were involved in the evaluation to begin with?" Mr. Cash said in an interview.

"We've put a significant amount of resources into trying to put an evaluation tool together that was then not finished out and then not implemented well and it all fell apart. We felt it was our obligation to try to step up and offer recommendations to fix it."

The group, which includes representatives from the Ohio Association of Charter School Authorizers, Ohio Coalition for Quality Education, Ohio Alliance for Public Charter Schools, Reynoldsburg City Schools, and the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation, originally began meeting in 2012.

At that time, members - who were also joined by representatives of the National Association of Charter School Authorizers and ODE employees - spent a year and a half crafting a process to measure sponsor compliance and piloting it throughout the state.

Their recommendations on compliance became part of the previous sponsor evaluation that was never fully implemented and was ultimately revamped because it came to light that sponsor ratings were miscalculated by then-Office of School Choice Director David Hansen.

Sticking with some of the same premises as the last time they were active, the group is also taking into consideration new laws as it drafts updated recommendations, some of which have already been presented to CSI and ODE, Mr. Cash said.

Earlier this week, the group created a process and timeline for the compliance portion of the evaluation. It would require the validation of just 10% of the items on the compliance list, but those items would be selected at random.

The group has also suggested that a number of items be removed from the list, the OCQE's Beth Lear said. Of the 319 items schools were required to verify compliance with, the group found that 15 were not required under law, 12 required sponsors to confirm a negative and 78 were documents to which ODE already has access.

Their recommendations were submitted the same day Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria sent the State Board of Education a memo stating that the agency would revert back to the current rule for the compliance portion of the reviews and continuing working on the new proposal. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 1, 2016)

Under those compliance guidelines, ODE would examine whether all rules and laws are being met at just 10% of sponsors' schools as opposed to all of them.

Mr. Cash said that system isn't preferable because sponsors only have to certify that a number of the compliance items are being met.

Allowing sponsors to verify information without a system in place to check for validity puts the state back in the same position it was in when it asked the stakeholder group to make recommendations for a new evaluation process in 2012, he said.

"We wanted to make sure who was performing well and who was not performing well. We wanted tools so we could show we were doing the work we said we were doing," he said, adding that the previous evaluation system simply required sponsors to tell the agency whether they were meeting standards or not.

Mr. Cash said ODE has not responded to the new recommendations or voiced interest in rejoining the conversation.

"They've got to be a partner with us in this work," Mr. Cash said. "They're responsible for the Ohio system of public education and there are 400 charter schools and 120,000 students (that attend them) - that's a significant portion of Ohio's public education system and we need ODE to be partner with us on that so we can keep doing good work."

Ms. Lear said it's also important for ODE to work with sponsors on evaluation system updates because the agency also sponsors a number of charter schools.

"It doesn't really look good for one sponsor to be setting the rules for all sponsors," she said in an interview.

ODE's Brittany Halpin said, "We've received the letter and we always appreciate the input of our stakeholders."

Up next, the group said it plans to offer suggestions for changing the quality and compliance portions of the evaluations following a Sept. 12 meeting.

Mr. Cash said the latest academic portion of the review is concerning because it's centered on report card scores of schools in sponsors' portfolios, despite the fact that sponsors do not have the ability to make curriculum decisions or choose school teachers and leaders.

"All I can do as a sponsor is say, 'You promised you were going to have a school that was going to perform at this level and so far you're not getting there.' I don't have the ability to go ahead make a direct impact on their performance," he said.

### **House District 16: Cuyahoga Councilman Faces Democratic Operative In Battle For Baker Seat**

The race to replace term-limited Rep. Nan Baker (R-Westlake) for a seat in suburban Cleveland pits a Republican veteran of local government against a young native of the area with experience working in state and national politics.

Republican nominee Dave Greenspan, 51, of Westlake, is a member of Cuyahoga County Council who moved to Ohio in 2007 from the Atlanta area. He faces Democrat Tommy Greene, 28, a Bay Village native who is the son of a steelworker and a teacher's aide.

Neither candidate faced a primary challenge in the district, which leans Republican.

Mr. Greenspan touted his experience in local government and his ability to work across the aisle. A native of New Jersey who's lived in a number of states and attended Troy University in Alabama, he served on the inaugural city council in Sandy Springs, Ga., when the city was incorporated in 2005. After moving to the Cleveland area in 2007, he was elected to the first Cuyahoga County Council in 2010.

He immediately focused on ethics, chairing the council's ethics committee, he said.

"Coming into a new government, especially one coming out of such deep-rooted corruption, I felt it was very important that the residents and businesses of Cuyahoga County and Northeast Ohio knew that their government was going to be working for them," he said in an interview.

The married father of three doesn't just start up local governments. He has an accounting degree and has spent much of his career as a chief financial officer for a number of companies, mostly startup ventures. He's also been the chief operating officer for the PGA Tour radio network.

He now runs a small business, Green Elk Consulting Services, which provides financial and other advice to startup and turnaround businesses.

Mr. Greene is a graduate of Ohio University who has worked for Equality Ohio and interned for Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon). He now works in business development for North Water Partners, a company in the Ohio City area of Cleveland.

The Democrat grew up in Westlake and Bay Village. He said part of the reason he became interested in politics was because his father lost his job when the steel mill where he worked closed in 2001. Following that, his father took him to a rally that included Sen. Brown and former U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich.

"That's when I realized that when families are going through a hard time, they turn to their elected officials not for a handout or for them to answer all of their problems, but to be standing with them when things are going wrong and to be able to provide solutions to make the families a little bit stronger in the future," Mr. Greene said in an interview.

Families, through jobs and education policy, will be a focus for Mr. Greene.

"I kind of view my role as being able to strengthen Ohio's families," he said. "There's a handful of ways we can do that," including more oversight of charter schools. Education funding, particularly for public schools, will be a priority, he said.

He also said he wanted to see more infrastructure development, including pushes for Ohio to develop more clean energy products. Toledo could build more solar panels, for example, he said.

"We have a proud manufacturing history and Ohio has to be a place where we build things," he said. "We can't just be a 100% service sector economy. We have to be a manufacturing state in Ohio."

Mr. Greenspan said he has focused on a wide variety of issues during his time in public office, and believes a comprehensive approach is important. Education and drug problems are both tied to jobs.

A priority for the state, he said, is to develop a workforce of people who are able to do jobs and pass drug tests.

"We have to continue to develop what I refer to as a competent workforce. I think we all can agree that the state is continuing to move the needle in a positive direction toward workforce development," he said, but the work needs to continue.

He said he wants to see a "holistic, total" approach to the economy, one that includes focusing on education to produce good workers, luring in a wide variety of industries, and matching qualified workers with open positions.



"If you look at it in its totality, if you look at it as one big direction to move our state, it's my belief that all of those issues move us in a positive direction," he said.

"Unless you've lived this, unless you've served at the city level, unless you've served at the county level, it's hard to understand how these issues come together," he said.

Mr. Greene, who is openly gay, said nondiscrimination is also an economic development issue. When he worked for Equality Ohio, he said, one of his duties was to talk to executives about the need for nondiscrimination laws in order to recruit talented workers from other parts of the country.

"If Ohio is going to be open for business, we need to be open for talent," he said.

Mr. Greene said his campaign team has been organized and working in the community to spread his message.

"I'm out there every day talking to voters about how we're going to move our state forward," he said.

"I believe regular working families need an advocate in Columbus," he added.

Mr. Greenspan said he believes his experience as an elected official - particularly in a county council district that spans the same cities as the legislative district - sets him apart. He said he is also stressing his willingness to work across the aisle to get things done.

"We have to be able to all work together, collectively, to create the environment in our state to move in the right direction," he said.

His campaign has knocked on more than 27,000 doors already, he said.

"I've represented this district for nearly six years. I believe that I understand the opportunities and the challenges of the district," he said.

### **Buckeye Institute Calls For More Union Decertification Votes, Policy Matters Ohio Urges Lawmakers To Promote Unionization**

In the wake of the Labor Day holiday, two groups offered competing visions on how to improve the lives of working Ohioans.

In a report released by the Buckeye Institute, the group proposed that Ohio lawmakers make it easier for state and local government employees to decertify their unions. Policy Matters Ohio, meanwhile, released a report calling for lawmakers to make it easier to join and form unions.

According to the Buckeye Institute's report, "One Man, One Vote, One Time? Re-election Votes Hold Unions Accountable to Their Members," there are more than 3,100 bargaining units covering about 300,000 state and local government employees across Ohio. However, most of those employees have had no say in their representation, it said.

"Ohio makes it very difficult for workers to have a voice in their unions," Robert Alt, Buckeye's president and CEO, said in a statement. "Under current law, the ability for union workers to hold an election is far more cumbersome than how we conduct our elections for public officials. And elections keep people accountable."

In the past three years, just 14 validly submitted decertification petitions have been submitted to the Employment Relations Board. Unions prevailed in three of those re-election efforts, the report found.

The report, however, said the decertification process is a cumbersome one, providing a 30-day window in which 50% of government employees in a bargaining unit need to sign a petition to trigger a vote.

"Just as voters hold their public officials accountable so, too, should workers be able to call for better representation," Rea Hederman Jr., executive vice president of The Buckeye Institute, said. "Ohio should follow the lead of other states by requiring their government unions to regularly stand for re-election, which will only improve their responsiveness to member needs."

The report goes on to list several complaints unionized employees have with their bargaining units, including dues spent on political activities, leaders' salaries and "insufficient" leadership elections.

"Union members should have the freedom to regularly decide whether to remain unionized. Such re-election votes would make unions more accountable to their members," the report concludes. "They would force union leaders to serve their members' interests instead of pursuing their own priorities. Workers deserve the ability to hold their union regularly accountable. Meaningful representation does not mean one man, one vote, one time."

But in its report, "Still struggling: State of Working Ohio 2016," Policy Matters Ohio says lawmakers should be promoting unionization.

Unionized workers in Ohio made about \$4 more per hour than their non-unionized counterparts in 2015, according to the report.

"Unions improve wages but Ohio's legislators and governor have often taken steps to weaken unions and reduce the number of workers who can get the protection, training and compensation benefits that come with being a member of a labor union. In order to broaden unionization in Ohio, the state should reject the misnamed 'right-to-work' initiative - states that take this approach end up with lower wages," the report reads

"Ohio should also allow home health workers and childcare workers to become part of a union - two particularly important and low-wage occupations that were once promised the right to organize into unions. For both groups, Gov. Kasich has eliminated the right to join a union and bargain collectively."

The report goes on to state that unions can reduce inequality for black and female workers. It found that black unionized workers make \$4.31 more per hour than their non-unionized counterparts while women in unions make \$3.91 more per hour.

"Ensuring that more workers can join unions will better spread the benefits of unionization," the report states.

### **State Board Looking To Help 2,000 Displaced Ohio ITT Students**

ITT Technical Institute's parent company announced Tuesday it is pulling the plug on its 137 campuses across the country, officially displacing about 2,000 Ohio students and an unknown number of employees.

Left to help fill in the gap is the Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools, which is stepping in to ensure displaced students aren't left behind by the closure of the Indiana-based company that served nearly 45,000 students in 38 states.

"This is going to be a difficult process I'm sure, but we'll continue to work with the students," Board Executive Director John Ware said in an interview.

The closure had been expected ever since the federal government late last month unveiled an array of penalties, including banning the school from enrolling students with federal financial aid, after the school was found to be out of compliance with accreditation criteria.

The company on Tuesday confirmed that after assessing its options, the sanctions were deemed a death knell.

"It is with profound regret that we must report that ITT Educational Services, Inc. will discontinue academic operations at all of its ITT Technical Institutes permanently after approximately 50 years of continuous service," the company announced in a press release.

"With what we believe is a complete disregard by the U.S. Department of Education for due process to the company, hundreds of thousands of current students and alumni and more than 8,000 employees will be negatively affected."

As of Tuesday, the company had already eliminated the "overwhelming majority" of its employees and said remaining staff members are prioritizing helping displaced students determine their options.

The state board has been working on contingency plans for the students enrolled at ITT's nine Ohio campuses since the August penalties were announced, Mr. Ware said. The fact that those campuses are spread out across all corners of the state poses a particular challenge, he added.

He said the board has been working to enlist other schools for teach-out agreements in which case the school would agree to accept displaced students' ITT credits and any related financial aid. The board will be emailing a list of those schools to students this week, he said.

"Sometimes it depends on how far along in their program they are and what program they are in so we'll have to figure that out for each student - what they need to do," he said.

Alternately, he said, the board will work to connect students unable to continue their program elsewhere with the U.S. Department of Education where they could receive a loan discharge.

"We'll work with ITT to make sure students have access to their transcripts and records and anything like that the students would need going forward," Mr. Ware said. "We've already had communication about this and I know ITT was going to send an email with some of this information out to their students sometime today."

ITT's closure is the latest result of a crackdown of the federal government on for-profit colleges, although Mr. Ware said most previous closures "have been more orderly than this."

"It's been a painful process," he said.

Among the penalties levied against ITT was a requirement the company increase its existing surety from \$94 million to more than \$240 million - or 40% of all Title IV aid the school received in 2015 payable in full. The company pointed to that stipulation specifically as to why it is unable to continue operations.

"We believe the government's action was inappropriate and unconstitutional, however, with the ITT Technical Institutes ceasing operations, it will now likely rest on other parties to understand these reprehensible actions and to take action to attempt to prevent this from happening again," the company said.

In a message to ITT students, U.S. Education Secretary John King acknowledged the news will have a "deeply personal" impact on affected students and, vowing to support students as they work through their options, encouraged students to not give up on their education.

**Ohio Sees Drop In Obesity Rate, But Trends Show Continued Rise In Diabetes, Hypertension, Report Says**

Ohio was one of four states that saw its obesity rate fall in 2015, according to a report from the Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The Buckeye State ranked 26<sup>th</sup> in the U.S. with an adult obesity rate of 29.8%. That's down from 32.6% a year earlier.

Although Ohio saw a drop year-over-year, the rate was still well above what it was a decade earlier, when 24.9% of Ohio adults suffered from obesity, according to the report. In 1995, the rate was 16.1%.

The drop in Ohio and three other states - Minnesota, Montana and New York - was the first time in the last decade that any states experienced decreases except for Washington, D.C., in 2010.

Louisiana had the highest rate of obesity at 36.2%, while Colorado had the lowest at 20.2%.

Ohio had the 14<sup>th</sup> highest rate of obesity among children ages 10-17, at 17.4%, and was 35<sup>th</sup> in obesity for children ages 2-4 from low-income families, with 12.4%.

The report also cited a number of obesity-related health issues. Ohio was 17<sup>th</sup> in adult diabetes, with 11% of adults suffering from the disease. That number was down from a year before, but the overall trend remains upward - Ohio is expected to go from just over 1 million cases of diabetes in 2010 to nearly 1.6 million in 2030 at its current pace.

Even more Ohio adults suffer from hypertension. Ohio was 13<sup>th</sup> in that category, with 34.3% of adults having the condition. The number of cases is expected to rise from 2.3 million in 2010 to nearly 3.1 million in 2030 at its current pace.

Cases of heart disease and obesity-related cancer are both expected to rise dramatically over the next two decades, the report said, while arthritis cases are likely to decrease.

The State Health Assessment cited obesity among the chronic conditions that pose serious health risks to the state. That report cited links between obesity and other chronic conditions, and noted the racial and geographic disparities among them. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 22, 2016)

The SHA found obesity to be a problem cited by public health experts in all areas of the state and among a wide variety of different groups. The report cited nutrition and physical activity as possible contributing factors and opportunities for improvement.

"Although Ohio's high prevalence of obesity and diabetes indicate that much more progress is needed on physical activity, this assessment finds that Ohio has some strengths in this area," the SHA said. "First, the percent of Ohio adults reporting no leisure-time physical activity declined from 2013 to 2014 and met the Healthy People 2020 target. Second, regional forum participants in most areas of the state identified their active living environments as a characteristic that made them proud of their

community, and all regions identified a positive active living environment as one of the most important characteristics of a healthy county or region."

The Trust for America's Health report on obesity also found racial disparities in obesity. Among white Ohioans, the rate of obesity was 30.5%, while it was 37.1% among black Ohioans.

The gap was narrow between men and women, with 30.5% of men and 29.7% of women. For different age groups, it was wider, with the obesity rate among Ohioans 45-64 at 36.3%, compared to 29% for those 65 and older, 27.9% for those 26 to 44 and 17.8% for those 18-25.

Dana Schmersal, a spokeswoman for Voices for Ohio's Children, said policymakers should continue to work on programs to improve childhood nutrition.

"We are very glad to see the downward trend for childhood obesity rates in Ohio," she said in an email. "Child nutrition, however, remains a key issue across the state as both obesity and food insecurity impact far too many Ohio families, leaving our state to face the expensive cognitive, behavioral, educational, economic and health consequences that follow. Of course, it is not enough to make food more accessible and nutritious - we must work with schools, child care providers, and communities to ensure that meals are consistent with a healthier lifestyle supported by comprehensive health and physical education inside and outside of the classroom."

### **Trump, Clinton Spend Holiday Campaigning In Ohio**

GOP nominee Donald Trump and Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton ventured back to the Buckeye State Monday as they continued to court voters.

Ms. Clinton spoke at a Cleveland rally, where she and vice presidential candidate Tim Kaine stressed the importance of the state in the electoral landscape.

"You're used to this," Sen. Kaine told Ohio voters, saying the election has entered the "home stretch."

"You're used to the fact that you're one of the two or three most important states in any presidential election going back since there were presidential elections," he said.

In her remarks to the crowd, Ms. Clinton again questioned Mr. Trump's suitability for the office of president. She also touted a newly announced book, written by herself and Sen. Kaine, called "Stronger Together" that will showcase their plan for the future.

"We are stronger together, and that is in stark contrast to Donald Trump," she said. "When he says, 'I alone can fix it,' he doesn't understand how America works."

Mr. Trump that same day participated in a labor roundtable Monday at a Brook Park American Legion post. Media access was limited at the event, which was only first announced that morning.

"I was happy to show Mr. Trump first-hand some of the challenges that we have faced in Northeast Ohio, with local plants shutting down and jobs leaving for overseas," Brook Park Mayor Tom Coyne said in a statement released by the campaign. "Mr. Trump speaks our language, I think he's more comfortable talking to labor and working class people than he is talking to bankers, and it shows."

Mr. Trump then attended the Canfield Fair, while at the same time Clinton surrogates launched attacks seeking to undermine Mr. Trump's attempt to draw blue-collar support.

"Hillary Clinton knows that America is already great because of your hard work, because of your values, your integrity," AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka told those at the fair. "She knows that our economy is strongest when we can band together and negotiate for better wages, better benefits and better working conditions. She wants to rewrite the rules of the economy so that working people win and not just billionaires, like Donald Trump, win."

The Clinton campaign on Tuesday evening is scheduled to open its latest organizing office, this one in Delaware County. The campaign has launched more than three dozen such offices across the state.

Mr. Trump, meanwhile, rated two points above Ms. Clinton in a Tuesday national poll from CNN/ORC. Mr. Trump earned 45% to Ms. Clinton's 43%, putting the pair at a statistical tie when accounting for the margin of error.

Libertarian Gary Johnson and Green Party candidate Jill Stein earned 7% and 2% respectively in that survey.

### **Democratic PAC Cancels \$3M More in Strickland Ads; Nicklaus Backs Portman**

A national super PAC has canceled \$3 million worth of additional ads it planned to air supporting U.S. Senate candidate Ted Strickland.

The Senate Majority PAC announced the additional cuts Tuesday - the second such reduction the group has made in the last month. A spokesman said the group was seeking to "maximize resources."

The group had already scrapped ads set for later this month. But the additional cuts for ads previously set to air between Sept. 20-Oct. 10 mean the PAC will have no pro-Strickland advertising on Ohio airwaves until October at the earliest.

Strickland campaign spokesman David Bergstein in a statement downplayed the move, which is seen as the latest sign of Mr. Strickland losing ground to his opponent U.S. Sen. Rob Portman, saying "there's still a lot of race left to run."

"We just recently launched our paid media campaign, the national environment is rapidly deteriorating around Portman, he's facing a daily firestorm about his continued support for Trump - and Portman's small, weak field operation can't compete with the Ohio Democratic Party's coordinated field campaign which has hundreds of organizers and volunteers across the state working to elect Ted, Secretary Clinton and Democrats at every level," Mr. Bergstein said.

"Ted's going to do what he does best: campaign vigorously across Ohio, talking about the central contrast in this race - he's fighting for working people because that where he comes from and that's who he cares about, while Senator Portman is looking out for his rich and powerful friends," he continued.

The PAC had already cancelled about \$191,000 worth of ads previously intended to run between Sept. 6-19. At the same time, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee announced it was pushing back the launch of its own ads by one week, cancelling about \$500,000 in reserved airtime in September and moving that money to support the campaign's own advertising. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 30, 2016)

The network run by brothers and GOP donors Charles and David Koch then announced they had cancelled pro-Portman ads to the tune of \$2.1 million. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 31, 2016)

The Ohio Democratic Party and U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan (D-Niles) came to the former governor's defense Tuesday at a press conference blasting Sen. Portman for "turning his back" on the auto industry.

"It's the central contrast in this race: Ted is fighting for Ohio's working families, while Sen. Portman is pushing the agenda of his rich and powerful friends in Washington," Rep. Ryan said. "We need someone who represents our values. It's pretty simple - working families need Ted Strickland in the U.S. Senate."

Mr. Strickland did land the endorsement of the Sierra Club Tuesday, which in turn drew the ire of the Ohio Coal Association which released a statement criticizing Mr. Strickland's stance on coal.

Sen. Portman, meanwhile, enlisted the help of famed golfer Jack Nicklaus with a new ad that is part of a \$15 million ad campaign that has already begun to air.

"Rob is the real deal, he's making a difference in standing up for American manufacturing, and he's fighting to strengthen our military to keep us safe. Rob Portman is Ohio's champion," Mr. Nicklaus says in the ad.



The Portman campaign used the Ohio State University football opener Saturday and a related Snapchat filter to expand its outreach to students and fans.

"We are proud to work with our impressive Students for Portman group, which is organized on more than 30 campuses and has helped us contact more than 3.5 million targeted voters," Portman campaign spokeswoman Michawn Rich said. "The coalition is helping ensure Rob's message of pro-growth policies for better wages and more jobs reaches students across Ohio during this campaign."

**From Congress: Brown, Portman Praise Trade Ruling On Steel; Kaptur Welcomes \$2M In Housing Funds; Latta Tours OSU Radio Optics Lab...**

Ohio's U.S. senators praised a recent International Trade Commission finding that the country's steel industry has been hurt by cold-rolled steel imports from other countries.

The ITC determined imports from Brazil, India, South Korea and the United Kingdom have all played a role in harming the industry, but stopped short of listing Russia as having engaged in unfair trade practices.

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon) both welcomed the ITC's determination, with Sen. Portman in a statement calling the situation facing Ohio's steelworkers a "crisis."

"Nearly 1,500 Ohio steelworkers were laid off last year through no fault of their own," Sen. Portman said. "Today the ITC recognized exactly what I told them: that unfair, dishonest practices from competitors in these countries are hurting our communities. Our work is far from over, but today's ruling is another step in leveling the playing field, and it is another win for Ohio steelworkers."

Sen. Brown said unfair trade practices are threatening the stability of that and other industries. He had previously advocated that Russia be included in the ITC investigation.

"When other countries don't play by the rules, the U.S. government must take action to protect American manufacturers," Sen. Brown said. "It's disappointing that the ITC did not recognize Russia's unfair trade practices, but the enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duties on cold-rolled steel imports from Brazil, India, South Korea, and the United Kingdom is a good step forward in providing the steel industry with the relief it needs."

In other trade news, Sen. Portman last week criticized the European Union's ruling that Apple owes \$14 billion in back taxes, saying the ruling highlights the need for international tax reform.

"Retroactive taxes not based in the rule of law are an attack on all U.S. companies doing business globally," the senator said. "The Commission is blatantly attempting to take advantage of the antiquated U.S. international tax system, and at the end of the day, it's

U.S. taxpayers footing the bill. This decision is another indicator of the urgent need for international tax reform."

**Housing:** U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Toledo) applauded the recent award of more than \$2.1 million toward Cuyahoga County homeless veteran support.

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced the award to Cleveland-based Frontline Service to support "Operation Cleveland Home Front," a program that provides transitional housing to veterans and their families.

"No one who has served our country with dignity and honor should face the indignity of being without adequate shelter," Rep. Kaptur said, adding that the program "offers veterans and their families a helping hand through transitional, temporary housing, a chance that offers hope and the prospects of a second chance to make a better life for themselves and their families. These brave men and women served our country, and this support program is our service in return."

**Technology:** U.S. Rep. Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) praised Ohio State University's ElectroScience Lab during a recent tour of the facility. The lab is one of the largest radio frequency optics research laboratories in the world.

"The work they are doing at the ElectroScience Lab is pushing the limits in advancing technology," Rep. Latta said. "The research that is being conducted will pay countless dividends in the wireless communication and radio frequency fields."

**Piketon:** Sens. Brown and Portman continue their efforts to secure funding for the ongoing cleanup of the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

The two earlier this month asked Senate appropriators to include funding for the project in any short-term continuing resolution considered by the upper chamber. Continued funding for the effort, they said, is in jeopardy because the 2017 Energy and Water Appropriations bill passed by the Senate, which includes the funding, has not yet received House action.

"Portsmouth's D&D efforts are an integral part of the Department of Energy's commitment to the people of southern Ohio," the pair wrote to the Senate Appropriations Committee. "Continued operations at the present level are an essential part of that commitment."

**Backpage:** Sen. Portman chalked up another victory in lawmakers' ongoing legal proceedings against Backpage.com.

Sen. Portman and Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) as leaders of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations have long been focused on an uncooperative Backpage in their attempt to determine the website's role in facilitating sex trafficking.

In the latest development, the D.C. Circuit Court denied Backpage's request for a stay, meaning the company must now turn over all documents that have been subpoenaed to the committee within 10 days.

"Today's ruling is a major step forward in our efforts to stop the scourge of online human trafficking and stand up for its thousands of innocent victims across the United States," Sen. Portman said. "With this decision, we look forward to examining the subpoenaed documents that Backpage has withheld. We are committed to continuing our bipartisan investigation and ensuring that our laws effectively protect the most vulnerable from sex traffickers and businesses that aid them."

**Coal:** Sen. Brown welcomed more than \$1 million in federal relief funding to Ohio miners and their families that have experienced layoffs.

The Department of Labor announced the funding to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services this month to fund reemployment efforts for those workers. The award brings Ohio's total federal funding to \$2 million, including a \$916,250 grant from 2015.

"The changing coal economy has put some workers out of a job through no fault of their own," Sen. Brown said. "This grant will give Ohio the tools to continue its support for displaced workers and help them get back on their feet."

**Drugs:** Sen. Portman joined Walgreens workers as they unveiled 18 drug take-back kiosks for their Ohio stores.

In a Toledo press conference, the lawmaker voiced his support for the effort announced in February, which will culminate in the kiosks being placed in 500 of the chain's stores across the country.

"Addiction to prescription painkillers has reached epidemic levels in Ohio and across the country," Sen. Portman said. "Fighting back against this epidemic will require all of us working together at the federal, state, and local community level."

**Women's Summit:** Sen. Brown announced the second annual Women's Leadership Summit will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Global Center for Health Innovation in Cleveland. For more information and a list of speakers visit the event's website.

"Ohio women are achieving remarkable things, and we must build on their success so all women can have an opportunity to succeed," Sen. Brown said. "The Women's Leadership Summit aims to celebrate the accomplishments of women and highlight strategies for overcoming obstacles to success."

**Court Briefs: Court Rules Meigs County Charter Proposal Should Move Forward; Man Injured At Basketball Game Loses Case; Attorneys Reprimanded...**

Voters in Meigs County could soon have the opportunity to change their form of government.

The Ohio Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that the county's board of commissioners erred by not approving a resolution to place a charter amendment on the ballot in 2015.

The 4-3 per curiam decision reverses a Fourth District Court of Appeals ruling.

The commissioners received a letter from the board of elections on July 2, 2015 stating that a petition filed by Meigs County Home Rule Committee had a sufficient number of valid signatures to be placed on the November ballot, the court reported.

However, the commissioners in a July 9 letter back to the board said the July 2 letter was incomplete and lacked certain information. In a special meeting on July 14, the commissioners failed to certify the issue for the ballot because they said the board of elections failed to meet the deadline to submit a report at least 120 days prior to the election.

"But even if the first letter were insufficient, when the board of elections ultimately certifies the validity of a petition and the delay was not the fault of the initiative's supporters, a writ of mandamus will issue to place the matter on the ballot. Any other result would be unfair and thwart the constitutional right of initiative," the court wrote in its decision.

Citing a 2015 case in which Secretary of State Jon Husted invalidated a county charter initiative on the grounds that the proponents did not propose a form of county government, the commissioners argued that committee also failed to propose a form of county government.

However, the court found that is a determination for Secretary Husted to make.

"We will not intrude into the process before the secretary has had a chance to exercise his discretion," the majority wrote.

Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor and Justices Judith Ann Lanzinger, Judith French and Bill O'Neill constituted the majority.

Justices Paul Pfeiffer and Sharon Kennedy joined a dissenting opinion in which Justice Terrence O'Donnell sided with the appellate court.

**Injury:** A man who was injured as he attempted to sit in a seat that broke and dropped to the ground at a University of Akron basketball game will receive no financial compensation, the Court of Claims ruled.

The court found that Raymond Williams failed to prove that the university did not exercise ordinary or reasonable care and denied his claim for \$10,000 in damages.

Mr. Williams claimed the fall resulted in more than \$5,000 in medical bills, the Ohio Supreme Court reported.

However, a university investigation found that Mr. Williams told a responding usher and supervisor that he did not fall because he caught himself as the chair broke and that he declined medical attention at the time.

**Reprimands:** The Ohio Supreme Court has issued three public reprimands:

- Justin E. Fernandez of Cincinnati for allegedly neglecting a client's legal matter and the improper use of an out-of-state company to provide paralegal and paraprofessional services.
- Steven B. Beranek of Medina for allegedly failing to inform his clients that he did not have professional liability coverage.
- Patrick L. Clifton of Crestview Hills, Kentucky for allegedly violating the rule that prohibits a lawyer from knowingly making a false statement to a tribunal and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

**Conviction:** The Bureau of Workers' Compensation announced the conviction of a man a Toledo man who used a fake identity to collect benefits.

David Abitua, 51, pleaded guilty Aug. 18 in Franklin County Common Pleas Court to one fifth-degree felony count of workers' compensation fraud, according to BWC.

"If you try to cheat the workers' compensation system, even while hiding under a false identity, we will find you and prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law," Sarah Morrison, Administrator/CEO for the BWC, said in a statement. "Workers' compensation fraud raises costs for everyone in the system and diverts resources needed for injured workers and making Ohio workplaces safer."

Using a false Social Security number and the alias of Jose L. Vasquez, Mr. Abitua collected injured workers' benefits from November 2009 until October 2012.

#### **Supplemental Agency Calendar** **Thursday, September 8**

Broadcast Educational Media Commission, 2470 North Star Road, Columbus, 10 a.m.  
Children's Trust Fund, 77 South High Street, 13th Floor East Conference Room, Columbus, 10 a.m.

#### **Supplemental Event Planner** **Wednesday, September 7**

House Democrats legislative agenda news conference, West Steps, Statehouse, Columbus, 11 a.m.

Release of August casino revenue figures, 1:30 p.m.

### **Sunday, September 11**

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Rep. Kyle Koehler (R-Springfield) fundraiser, Echo Ridge Farm, 4674 Hominy Ridge Rd., Springfield, 2 p.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Partner: \$350 to Citizens to Elect Kyle Koehler)

### **Thursday, September 29**

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Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) fundraiser, Keller residence, 8325 Princeton Road, Liberty Twp., 6 p.m., (\$1,000 Event Host | \$500 Event Chair | \$250 Event Sponsor | \$100 Individual to Friends of Bill Coley)

### **Monday, October 10**

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Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering) fundraiser, K-12 Gallery and TEJAS, 341 S Jefferson St., Dayton, 5 p.m., (Special Guest: Sen. Obhof. \$2,500 Michelangelo Sponsor | \$1,000 Van Gogh Sponsor | \$500 Picasso Sponsor | \$150 per Couple | \$100 per Individual to Citizens for Lehner)

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## House Activity for Tuesday, September 6, 2016

### INTRODUCED

**HB 594** ■ **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Roegner, K.)** Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding of recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school. Am. 3314.52

### HOUSE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS

State Audit Committee: Ranjan Manoranjan

Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Board: Rep. Boggs

Task Force for Creating Opportunities for Shared Governance on Co-Located Campuses:  
Representative Schuring; Dr. Para M. Jones and Natasha Pollock

Insurance Committee: Appoint Rep. Brinkman as chair

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## **Daily Activity Planner for Wednesday, September 7**

### **Legislative Committees**

No legislative committees scheduled.

### **Agency Calendar**

Board of Building Appeals, Ohio Department of Transportation, District Three Office, Conference Room, 906 Clark Avenue, Ashland, 8:30 a.m.  
Board of Building Standards, 6606 Tussing Road, Training Room 1, Reynoldsburg, 9 a.m. (Code Committee)  
Real Estate Commission, Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing, 77 South High Street, 22nd Floor, Columbus, 9 a.m.  
Southern Ohio Agricultural & Community Development Foundation, 100 S. High St., Hillsboro, 9 a.m. (Agriculture Development Committee)  
Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board, 50 West Broad Street - Suite 1500, Columbus, 10 a.m.  
State Personnel Board of Review, 65 E. State St., 12th Fl., Columbus, 10 a.m.  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., 11th Fl., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

### **Event Planner**

Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) & Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) golf outing fundraiser, County Club at Muirfield Village, 8715 Muirfield Drive, Dublin, 8:30 a.m., (\$1,000 Total Contribution. Golfers pay for their own golf. Please make separate checks for \$500 each payable to Citizens for Bill Beagle & Peterson for Good Government)  
House Democrats legislative agenda news conference, West Steps, Statehouse, Columbus, 11 a.m.  
Rep. Scott Ryan (R-Newark) and Rep. Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) fundraiser, Due Amici, 65 E. Gay Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500; Host: \$350 to Citizens for Scott Ryan and/or Citizens for McColley)  
Release of August casino revenue figures, 1:30 p.m.  
Sen. Jim Hughes (R-Columbus) fundraiser, Victory's, 543 S. High St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Sponsor: \$2,500, Host: \$1,500, Patron: \$1,000 to Committee for Jim Hughes)

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Thanks Shawn.

The Comms team brainstormed some alternatives to HOPE, as I think it's important we distinguish ourselves from other programs. We will have a logo/one-pager completed very soon as a possible idea.

Also, I'm wondering if we can build upon the one pager document we already but together that outlines all the work we've done. I personally think it's more pleasing to the eye... we can incorporate member pictures and more rhetoric to make it more closely related to the Wisconsin one...

Thoughts?

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 08, 2016 3:59 PM  
**To:** Lenzo, Mike; Baker, Dan; Best, Carolyn; Russell, Dustin  
**Cc:** Lundregan, Scott  
**Subject:** Speaker Policy Initiatives

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I started looking into several of these points. Tennessee passed a bill ( [HB 2570 PREP Fund](#) ) to establish a rural economic progress fund. Monies in this GRF fund are awarded as grants to counties where the grants will have a direct impact on employment and investment opportunities.

I like the concept behind the "Rural Opportunity Zones." I read this article on the [Kansas system of ROZ's](#) and feel it's features are worth discussion. Specifically the income tax waivers.

I think a layered approach could be a good starting point – sort of like Schuring's bill this past year to create Economic Development Zones. First you need the broadband access, the high speed stuff. Then seed money like the Tennessee PREP approach, to build up the infrastructure. Finally the carrot, tax credits and/or student loan repayments, such as in Kansas.

These are my initial thoughts absent any other discussions that may have occurred on this topic or generally the entire proposal. I will continue to tackle the other parts of the policy memo. I anticipate some sort of follow up conversations to see if we are heading in the right direction ???

-Dustin

**Dustin Russell**  
Ohio House of Representatives



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**From:** Matt Cox  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 2, 2016 7:08 PM  
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**CC:** Kasych, Shawn  
**Subject:** Fwd: 3314.02

This is from Stephanie at CMSD whose interpreting the law incorrectly . . . or in a way that doesn't cause her the most problems.

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**Date:** September 28, 2016 at 10:53:46 AM EDT  
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**Cc:** "Matt Cox ([matt@ccg-ohio.com](mailto:matt@ccg-ohio.com))" <[matt@ccg-ohio.com](mailto:matt@ccg-ohio.com)>

It's been urgent. Rachel Costanzo raised the issue with CA while I was on maternity leave after we got their disclosure forms back. I just finally laid down the hammer now. And while it has been law for ages, the state, as you know, has only recently cracked down on all sponsors to verify this. Oh, and HB 2 also added some new requirements in terms of disclosure.

Under your analysis, Eric Gordon would be forced to leave his position as CEO or CMSD if one of his immediate relatives joined a charter school in Cleveland.

Citizens Academy should have vetted the candidates before they joined to make sure there were no conflicts. You can certainly tell Brian Roof to ask his sister in law to quit her job. Should make for an interesting Thanksgiving for their family.

And I am not even going to start to get into the collective bargaining implications of what you suggest....

The law is overbroad, and I've been arguing this for a while. I even brought NACSA in. There was definitely sympathy for our position, and some amazement as to how broad the law is. As I have pointed out, it refers to ANY sponsor or ANY operator in the state—not just the sponsor of the school. But with all the major changes in HB 2 last year, this just was not priority.

Please do keep me in the loop with changes you might be proposing. CMSD does not support, as Adam Schira suggested when he and I talked last week, limiting its definition of "sponsor" only refer to myself and a handful of others. There might be ways to limit what sponsor means, but I want to be sure CMSD is part of those conversations.

We proposed limiting the conflicted members to 20 percent.

We are in agreement that the law is overbroad. Let's focus on making the change to law that we need rather than focusing on whether a teacher needs to quit her job.

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**From:** John Zitzner [<mailto:JZitzner@breakthroughschools.org>]  
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**To:** Klupinski, Stephanie  
**Cc:** Matt Cox ([matt@ccg-ohio.com](mailto:matt@ccg-ohio.com))  
**Subject:** RE: 3314.02

Stephanie. I agree the whole thing is ridiculous yet it's been in law for a while. Why is it urgent now, vs. a year ago, that we're focusing on it?

Re my prior email, let's parse this by focusing on certain words...

3314.02

(3) No present or former member, or immediate relative of a present or former member, of the governing authority of any community school established under this chapter shall be an owner, employee, or consultant of any sponsor or operator of a community school, unless at least one year has elapsed since the conclusion of the person's membership.

The relative is a teacher at CMSD and it hasn't been a year since the board member resigned.

Therefore, the teacher cannot be employed by CMSD, no?

When were the convos with Grady and Brenner?

John Zitzner  
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**To:** John Zitzner; Matthew Cox  
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Attached are the official copies of what we submitted to the Senate last year related to 3314.02. I also had conversations with Colleen Grady and Andrew Brenner about this issue.

And no, John, I do not read the law as requiring CMSD to terminate one of our teachers. It seems as though the board member has resigned. Please know that other CMSD-sponsored schools (both Stonebrook Montessori and Promise Academy) were also dramatically affected by this law and have also been communicating their frustration to the legislature.

Thanks,  
Stephanie

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Extremely helpful Cassie!

Thanks so much again for your organization's participation. Never hesitate to contact me.

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#### Back to Work

I spent Election Day in both 2008 and 2016 in Europe, while on business. These are two unique experiences that will remain etched in my memory. Because of our country's important role in world affairs, the intense interest in

who leads the United States does not stop at our borders.

2008 was a time of near-depression in the global economy, as we had just begun a nearly decade-long journey out of the Great Recession. The foreign press and business leaders we were meeting with were nervously excited about the hope that President Obama represented, and they were eager for the United States to lead the world out of ominous circumstances.

The 2016 election was extremely contentious and had the backdrop of a global economy that, while stable, is underperforming from China to Europe. The surprise result of Donald Trump winning has caused many to openly wonder what will come in the near future.

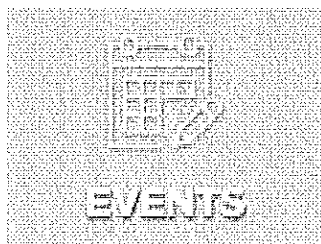
In both cases, working families, young people just entering the workforce, and those close to retirement have wondered what the future holds. In both cases, it has been important to convey that the American system requires leadership at all levels of government and business to move forward, and to build confidence in the future.

It is critical to actively participate in providing solutions for each other, whether it is to serve your neighbor or our economic partners around the world. Our economic development leadership can make a tremendous difference worldwide, and I look forward to getting back to business this week.

*-Kenny McDonald*

**COLUMBUS 2020 UPDATE**

- This week, the Columbus 2020 team is hosting a trade mission in Mexico for Columbus Region companies looking to begin or increase exports to Mexico. Our team is also in Los Angeles to meet with companies and consultants.
- Just announced: Alec Ross, one of America's leading experts on innovation and author of *The Industries of the Future*, will deliver the afternoon keynote at Economic Development 411 on December 2. Alec speaks to audiences around the world about the future of our economy and society, and helps entrepreneurs, investors and government leaders navigate disruptive change. View the full event agenda and register at [columbusregion.com/ED411](http://columbusregion.com/ED411).

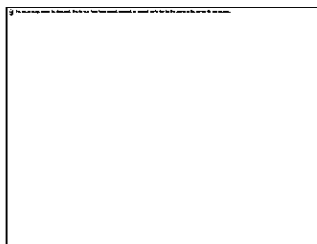


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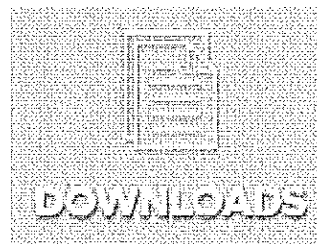
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**Resolutions – PENDING INTRO & REFERRAL**

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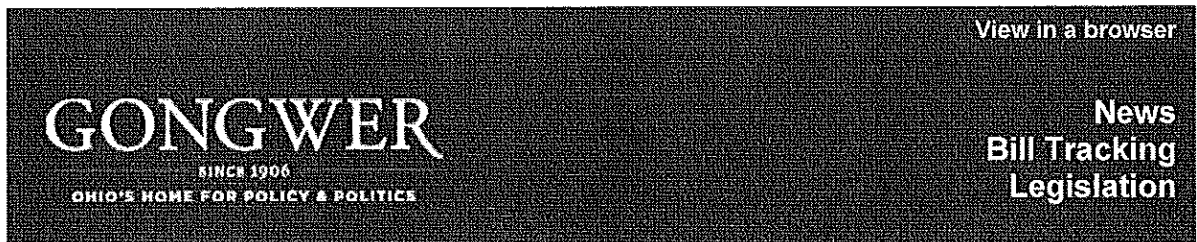
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### INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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### PASSED

#### SB 252

#### CARDIAC ARREST (Hite, C., Patton, T.)

With regard to sudden cardiac arrest in youth athletic activities.

86-4 (Brinkman, Dean, Hood & Vitale)

#### HB 533

#### AWARENESS MONTH (Sprague, R.)

To designate the month of May as

"Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month."

91-0

**HB 535**

**MILITARY BENEFITS (Perales, R.)**

To extend employment and reemployment protection to a person who is a member of another state's national guard or organized militia and who is employed in Ohio.

93-0

## **CALENDAR FOR COMING SESSION**

**SB 225**

**AWARENESS DAY (Bacon, K.)**

To designate the first day of June as "Hypoparathyroidism Awareness Day."

Thursday, Nov. 17

**HB 270**

**OVERDOSE DEATHS (Dever, J., Pelanda, D.)**

To provide that causing the death of another person by an overdose that results from the offender's sale, distribution, dispensation, or administration of a controlled substance or controlled substance analog is a violation of the offense of involuntary manslaughter and to make this provision a strict liability offense.

Thursday, Nov. 17

**HB 520**

**RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Schuring, K., Ramos, D.)**

To revise the law governing the state's public retirement systems.

Thursday, Nov. 17

## **HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 300**

**LICENSE SUSPENSIONS (Baker, N., Manning, N.)**

To modify the law governing the termination or modification of a lifetime driver's license suspension or a class two suspension that exceeds fifteen years, to specify that a class one driver's license suspension for a specified aggravated vehicular homicide offense begins upon the offender's release from prison, and to expand the purposes for which limited driving privileges may be granted during a driver's license suspension.

89-0

## **HOUSE ELECTS MEMBER**

**WES GOODMAN, REPUBLICAN, 87TH DISTRICT**

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## **REFERRED**

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## COMMITTEE HEARINGS

### Finance

#### **HJR 5**

#### **WATER SEWER BONDS (Lepore-Hagan, M., Smith, K.)**

Proposing to enact Section 2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to permit the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund sewer and water capital improvements.

CONTINUED

#### **SB 235**

#### **PROPERTY TAXES (Beagle, B., Coley, B.)**

To exempt from property tax the increased value of property on which industrial or commercial development is planned until the completion of new commercial or industrial facilities at the property.

CONTINUED (See separate story)

#### **HB 67**

#### **MEDICAL GRANTS (Ramos, D.)**

To create the Frances Lewandowski Memorial Medical Research Fund and the Medical University Research Reserve Fund to provide grants to public medical schools for research on terminal, chronic or currently incurable diseases, to require the General Assembly annually to appropriate for those grants an amount equal to not less than one-tenth of one percent of total prior year General Revenue Fund appropriations, and to make an appropriation.

CONTINUED

#### **HB 492**

#### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Rogers, J., Driehaus, D.)**

To create the Supplemental State Capital Improvements Pilot Program funded by a temporary

transfer from the Budget Stabilization Fund and to make an appropriation.

CONTINUED

**HB 583**

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (Becker, J.)**

To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation.

RE-REFERRED (To Commerce & Labor)

**HR 282**

**HIGHER EDUCATION (Howse, S., Ramos, D.)**

To support efforts to ensure that students from Ohio have access to debt-free higher education at public colleges and universities.

CONTINUED

**Insurance**

**SB 27**

**FIREFIGHTER CANCER (Patton, T.)**

To provide that a firefighter who is disabled as a result of specified types of cancer is presumed for purposes of the laws governing workers' compensation and the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund to have incurred the cancer while performing official duties as a firefighter.

CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE

**HB 275**

**VISION CARE (Schuring, K.)**

Regarding limitations imposed by health insurers on

vision care services.  
CONTINUED

**HB 416**

**SELF INSURANCE (Schuring, K.)**

To enable state colleges and universities to establish joint self-insurance pools.  
CONTINUED

**Finance: Health & Human Services Sub.**

**SB 319**

**DRUG REGULATIONS (Eklund, J.)**

To revise certain laws regarding the regulation of drugs, the practice of pharmacy, and the provision of addiction services.

**SB 332**

**INFANT MORTALITY (Jones, S., Tavares, C.)**

To provide for the implementation of recommendations made by the Commission on Infant Mortality and to authorize pharmacists to administer by injection certain prescribed drugs.

**State Government**

**SB 199**

**MILITARY FIREARMS (Uecker, J., Gardner, R.)**

To specify that an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces: (1) does not need a concealed handgun license to carry a handgun concealed if the member is carrying valid military identification and a certificate indicating successful small arms qualification; and (2) may be sold or furnished a handgun if the member has received military or equivalent small arms training.

**SB 220**

**DEFERRED COMPENSATION (Hottinger, J.)**

To authorize the Ohio Public Employees Deferred

Compensation Board and local governments to establish designated Roth account features and other tax-deferred or nontax-deferred features permitted for government deferred compensation plans.

#### **HB 529**

##### **FIREARMS (Retherford, W., Hagan, C.)**

To provide for firearms training for tactical medical professionals; to permit such a professional who has received that training or comparable training and who is authorized to carry firearms by the law enforcement agency the professional is serving to carry firearms while on duty in the same manner, to the same extent, in the same areas, and subject to the same potential for civil and criminal liability as a law enforcement officer of the agency; and to grant such a professional, while on duty in that capacity, the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a person who was issued a concealed handgun license.

#### **HB 551**

##### **FOOD INSPECTIONS (Hill, B.)**

To require the Director of Agriculture and the Director of Health to adopt rules governing reviews of registered sanitarians and sanitarians-in-training who conduct inspections of retail food establishments and food service operations.

#### **Public Utilities**

#### **HB 554**

##### **RENEWABLE ENERGY (Amstutz, R.)**

To revise the requirements for renewable energy, energy efficiency savings, and peak demand reduction and to revise provisions governing which customers can opt out of related programs.

SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD (See separate story)

## Health & Aging

### **SB 165**

#### **LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT (Lehner, P.)**

To establish procedures for the use of medical orders for life-sustaining treatment and to make changes to the laws governing DNR identification and orders.

CONTINUED

### **SB 245**

#### **MALNUTRITION (Manning, G.)**

To create the Malnutrition Prevention Commission to study malnutrition among older adults.

CONTINUED

### **SB 291**

#### **AWARENESS MONTH (Yuko, K.)**

To designate September as "Pain Awareness Month."

REPORTED

### **HB 580**

#### **MONTH DESIGNATION (Johnson, T., Huffman, S.)**

To designate the month of November as "One Health Awareness Month."

REPORTED

### **HB 603**

#### **PALLIATIVE CARE (LaTourette, S.)**

To create the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council, to establish the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program, and to require health care facilities to identify patients and residents who could benefit from palliative care.

CONTINUED

**HB 611**

**HOSPITAL AFTER-CARE (LaTourette, S.)**

To provide for the designation of a lay person to provide after-care to a hospital inpatient and participate in discharge planning.

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### A NOTE FROM OUR CEO

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### Adapt or Perish

It is with great gratitude that I write this week. It is the beginning of the holiday season, a time when we should reflect on the people who support our work and make progress possible.

I am deeply thankful for the fantastic opportunities I had to take part in a series of presentations and interviews last week that were inspirational and thought-provoking. The New Albany Foundation brought Thomas Friedman and David Brooks of The New York Times and Anna Navarro of CNN to the community to interpret the election results and discuss the future. The Columbus Partnership held its annual retreat and included "Hillbilly Elegy" author J.D Vance, FedEx founder Fred Smith, General James Conway of Securing

America's Future and a host of speakers from the world of autonomous vehicles and the connected city. Ohio University also had a terrific meeting that included Siemens North America CEO Eric Spiegel. Each person was exceptional and it sparked so many thoughts and questions about our future.

As I review my notes, there seems to be a recurring theme: Disruption.

Change does not come easily to most people, businesses or governments. Yet, the world is in a period of great disruption socially, economically and politically. To fully leverage the opportunities and to mitigate the negative impacts to society, we all must hold fast to our values and adapt, adapt, adapt.

My notes also reveal three recurring questions:

- What opportunities are created from the disruptions and how can our region take advantage of them?
- Which companies, industries and location advantages do these changes make obsolete?
- How do we change our organization's tactics and culture to adapt and win?

One way our economic development community can adapt is to engage in regular dialogue about the reality of a changing world. **I would like to invite you to do just that with us at Economic Development 411 on December 2.** Hundreds of leaders from throughout our region will discuss a variety of topics and also hear from two keynote speakers:

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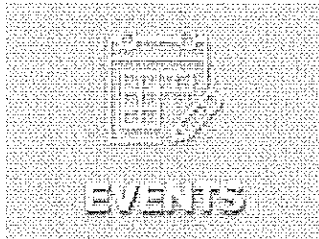
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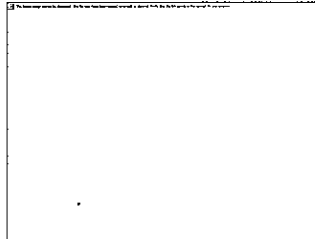
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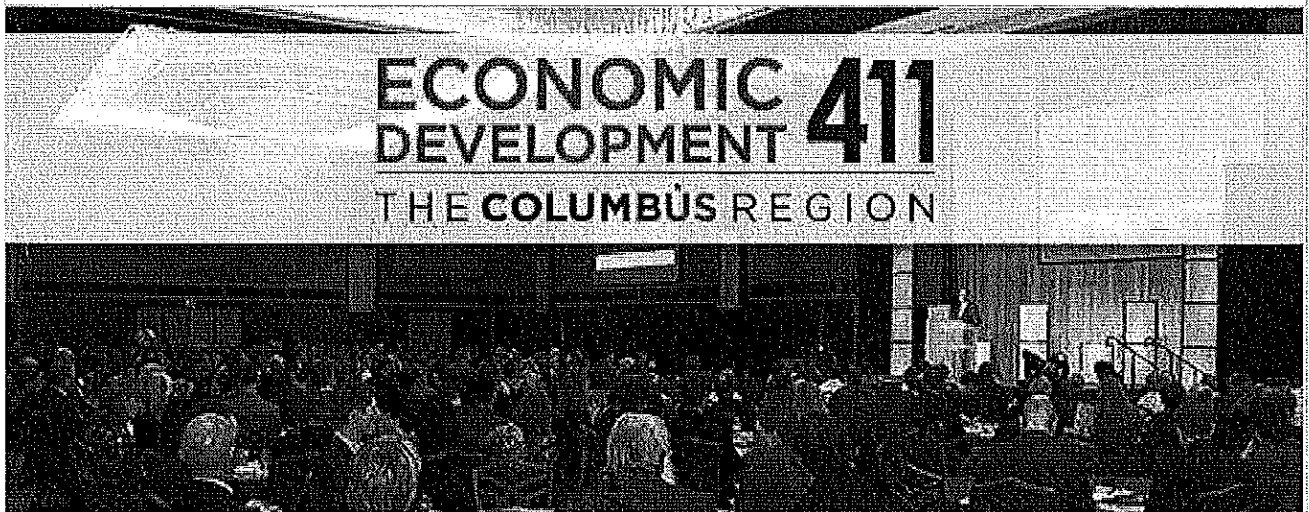
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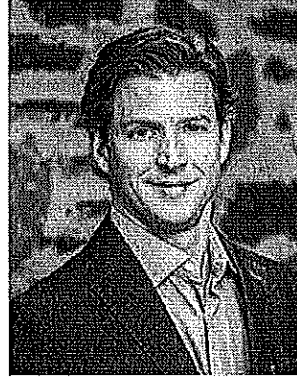
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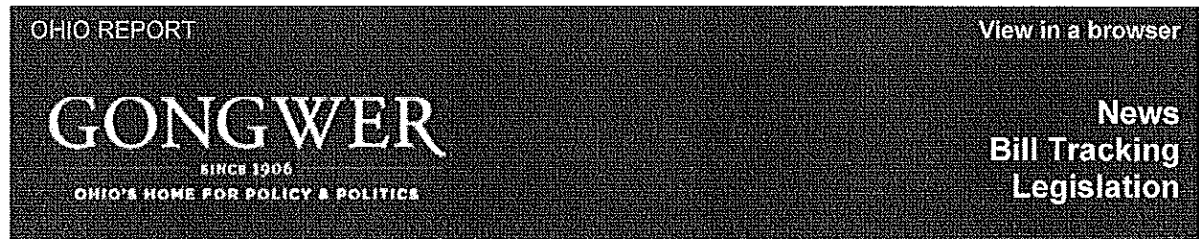
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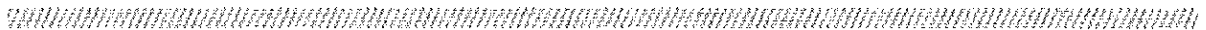
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## Senate Activity for Tuesday, November 22, 2016

### INTRODUCED

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**SB 370**  **LICENSE PLATE (Patton, T.)** To create the "University of Notre Dame" license plate. Am. 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.514

**SB 371**  **COUNTY PROSECUTORS (Thomas, C.)** To prohibit prosecuting attorneys of counties with a population of 400,001 or more from engaging in the private practice of law. Am. 309.02 and 325.11

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## Legislative Committee Schedules beginning 11/23/2016

### Monday, November 28

House Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Amstutz, R., 466-1474), Rm. 119, 10:30 a.m.  
Senate Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Lehner, P., 466-4538), Finance Hearing Rm., 2 p.m.

- SB 136** **SCHOOL SECLUSION** (Tavares, C.) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 346** **SCHOOL YEAR** (Manning, G.) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 89** **MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM** (DeVitis, T.) Regarding the Medicaid School Program. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 383** **FINANCIAL LITERACY** (Hagan, C., McColley, R.) To require one-half unit of economic and financial literacy in the high school social studies curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each state institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act." (2nd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 85** **ABUSE PREVENTION** (Ramos, D., Hagan, C.) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

### Tuesday, November 29

House State Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Maag, R., 644-6023), Rm. 113, 9 a.m.

- SB 227** **ATTORNEY GENERAL** (Bacon, K.) To make various changes to the laws governing the duties and functions of the Attorney General. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)  
House Agriculture & Rural Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Hill, B., 644-6014), Rm. 116, 9 a.m.
- HR 214** **PHOSPHORUS AGREEMENT** (Sheehy, M., Fedor, T.) To encourage support for the agreement between Ontario, Michigan and Ohio regarding the reduction of phosphorus in the western basin of Lake Erie. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 566** **NURSERY STOCK** (Ramos, D.) To prohibit the labeling and advertising of nursery stock as pollinator beneficial under specified conditions (1st Hearing-Sponsor)  
House Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Brenner, A., 466-6711), Rm. 017, 9 a.m.
- HB 498** **STUDENT EXPULSIONS** (Kunze, S.) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 372** **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (Phillips, D.)** To require city, exempted village, and local school districts to employ, for each 1,000 students, at least five full-time equivalent educational service personnel in specified areas. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)  
House Insurance (Committee Record) (Chr. Brinkman, T., 644-6886), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

**SB 27** **FIREFIGHTER CANCER (Patton, T.)** To provide that a firefighter who is disabled as a result of specified types of cancer is presumed for purposes of the laws governing workers' compensation and the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund to have incurred the cancer while performing official duties as a firefighter. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote)

**HB 394** **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (Sears, B.)** To temporarily change the taxable wage base under Ohio's Unemployment Compensation Law, to remove dependency classes for unemployment compensation benefit eligibility, to temporarily freeze automatic increases for weekly unemployment compensation benefit amounts, to reduce the number of weeks for which an individual may receive unemployment compensation benefits, to abolish the Unemployment Compensation Advisory Council, and to make other changes to Ohio's Unemployment Compensation Law. (6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)

House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Dever, J., 466-8120), Rm. 122, 9 a.m.

**HB 593** **CROWDFUNDING (Arndt, S.)** To permit intrastate equity crowdfunding under certain circumstances. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 598** **LOAN ACT (Terhar, L.)** To create the Ohio Consumer Installment Loan Act. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible substitute)

**HB 616** **BANKING LAW (Amstutz, R.)** For the purpose of enacting a new banking law for the State of Ohio. (1st Hearing-Proponent-Possible substitute)

Senate Agriculture (Committee Record) (Chr. Hite, C., 466-8150), South Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of S. Craig Beam, Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Advisor Council; Kelly Cole, Southern Ohio Agricultural and Community Development Foundation; Cy Prettyman, Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board and Michael Frazier and Gregory Levens, Dangerous & Restricted Animals Advisory Board

**SB 151** **DOGS LAW (Beagle, B.)** To revise provisions of the Dogs Law governing nuisance, dangerous, and vicious dogs, to revise enforcement of that Law, and to establish a notification process regarding complaints of certain violations of that Law. (4th Hearing-Opponent)

**SB 224** **AGRICULTURE LAWS (Brown, E.)** To revise the application and enforcement of the law governing operation and management plans, and to require certain animal feeding facilities to annually report the amount of manure that is applied by or for the facilities. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB 271** **POLICE ANIMALS (Gentile, L.)** To authorize a law enforcement officer to purchase a police dog or horse for fair market value when the officer retires in good standing from a law enforcement agency and certain conditions are met, and to declare an emergency. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Anielski, M., 644-6041), Rm. 018, 9:30 a.m.

**HB 561** **PARK COMMISSIONERS (Boccheri, J., Clyde, K.)** To require boards of county commissioners to appoint additional park board commissioners and allow for public comment during appointment process. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 562** **MAIL DELIVERY (Hambley, S., Ryan, S.)** To authorize local governments and officers to deliver certain notices by ordinary mail and electronically instead of by certified mail. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 576** **PUBLIC RECORDS (Ryan, S.)** To exempt from the Public Records Act financial account numbers and identifying information in public records and to provide that taxpayer electronic mail address lists used by county treasurers to deliver tax bills are not public records. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate State & Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Uecker, J., 466-8082), North Hearing Rm., 9:45 a.m.

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointment of Thomas Pascarella, Ohio Retirement Study Council

**SB 347** **PRIMARY ELECTIONS (LaRose, F.)** To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

**SB 322** **POLICE TRAINING (Hite, C.)** To require the Ohio peace officer training commission to develop and conduct a chief of police training course for newly appointed chiefs of police appointed on or after January 1, 2017, and to require newly appointed chiefs of police of villages, cities, and townships to attend the training course within six months of appointment as a chief of police. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

**SB 306** **DAY DESIGNATION (Yuko, K.)** To designate July 8 as "Harrison Dillard Day." (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

**HB 440** **AWARENESS DAY (Anielski, M.)** To designate the Saturday before Thanksgiving as "Ohio Survivors of Suicide Loss Day." (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

**HB 276** **CHIROPRACTORS (Schuring, K.)** To authorize chiropractors to engage in certain activities involving nutrition-related items and therapies, nonprescription drugs, and medical goods and devices. (2nd Hearing-proponent)

**HB 423** **MILITARY RECORDS (Perales, R.)** To specify that an order for active military service or other documentation regarding the call to order of an individual in the Armed Forces of the United States or the Ohio organized militia is not a public record. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 167** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION (Sweeney, M.)** Regarding the term of a General Assembly member as a member of the Legislative Service Commission. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

House Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Smith, R., 466-1366), Rm. 313, 10 a.m.

**SB 331** **PET STORES (Peterson, B.)** To regulate the sale of dogs from pet stores and dog retailers and to require the Director of Agriculture to license pet stores. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)